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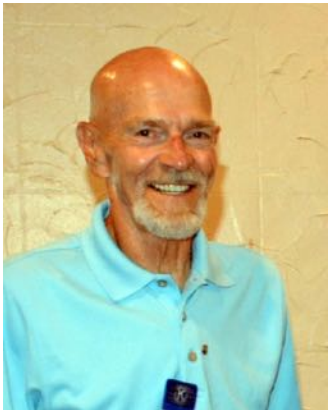
June 2023

Meetings at noon at Green Meadow Country club; lunch served at 11:30

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Dedicated to building a better community by focusing on service to children and youth

President's Corner



Fellow Kiwanians:

June starts off with a bang, with the Leadership Adventure Camp running from May 30 through June 3. This is always a huge effort for our club, but the results are worth it. We are able to look back now at past attendees of the camp and see what they have accomplished. Thanks to Patsy Russell and Randy Allen for organizing the event, and thanks to all club members that help during the week to make it a success.

We have an outing to Sweetwater Farms planned for Saturday, June 10. The 2023 Kiwanis International Convention will take place in Minneapolis, MN on June 21-24. Our club will be represented by Wanda Davis, Jerry Heiny, and Patsy Russell.

The Leadership Adventure Camp and Imagination Library are the major projects of our club. Everyone seems to be talking about AI, Artificial Intelligence, these days, so I thought I'd see what AI has to say about our club and what we do! I asked two AI apps (ChatGPT and Google's Bard) "what does the Kiwanis Club of Maryville do?".

According to Bard, *"The Kiwanis Club of Maryville, Tennessee is a service organization that is dedicated to serving the needs of youth, particularly the very young. The club was founded in 1919 and has been serving the Maryville community ever since. Some of the things that the Kiwanis Club of Maryville does include: providing scholarships to local students, supporting local schools and educational programs, donating to local charities and organizations that serve children, organizing and participating in community events, and promoting volunteerism and civic engagement. The Kiwanis Club of Maryville is a great example of a community organization that is making a difference in the lives of young people. The club's members are dedicated to serving their community and making it a better place for all".* I can't argue with any of that!

ChatGPT said *"The Kiwanis Club of Maryville, Tennessee is a local chapter of the Kiwanis International organization, which is a global volunteer organization dedicated to improving the lives of children and communities worldwide. The Maryville Kiwanis Club focuses on serving the Maryville community through various service projects, fundraising events, and volunteer efforts. Some examples of the club's activities include: sponsorship of the annual Smoky Mountain Highland Games event, which celebrates Scottish heritage and includes traditional music, dance, and athletic competitions, supporting local schools through various initiatives, including reading programs, scholarship opportunities, and funding for classroom supplies, providing financial and volunteer support for local organizations that serve children and families in need, such as the Blount County Children's Advocacy Center and the Boys and Girls Club, participating in community events and projects, such as the annual "Clean Sweep" event, which involves cleaning up litter and debris from local streets and parks. Overall, the Maryville Kiwanis Club is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of children and families in the Maryville community, and they achieve this through a variety of service and volunteer efforts".* While ChatGPT has more details, it went off the rails with the comments on the "Smoky Mountain Highland Games" and the "Clean Sweep" event.

The way I look at it, AI attempts to distill all human knowledge, through use of massive computer power, and use this information to simulate human intelligence processes. It's easy to see why some people think AI will prove to be one of the greatest innovations ever, while others believe it will mean that humans will soon be supplanted by computers! Let's hope the efforts remain in the hands of people with good intentions!

Looking ahead a few months, I asked ChatGPT and Bard "what do old men who are former Kiwanis Club presidents do?"! Believe it or not, their answers were longer than the two responses above. That might be a topic for a future President's Corner!

Jon Carter

Briefs

News - Prayers - Thoughts – Thanks

The two-hour Pak-A-Bag event by Maryville Kiwanis and SLP members provided 4200 students of the 13,000 students that receive food assistance weekly by Second Harvest.

Suzanne Stockfisch received the May “Spotlight Certificate” for her efforts at writing a thank you note to each speaker at our meetings.

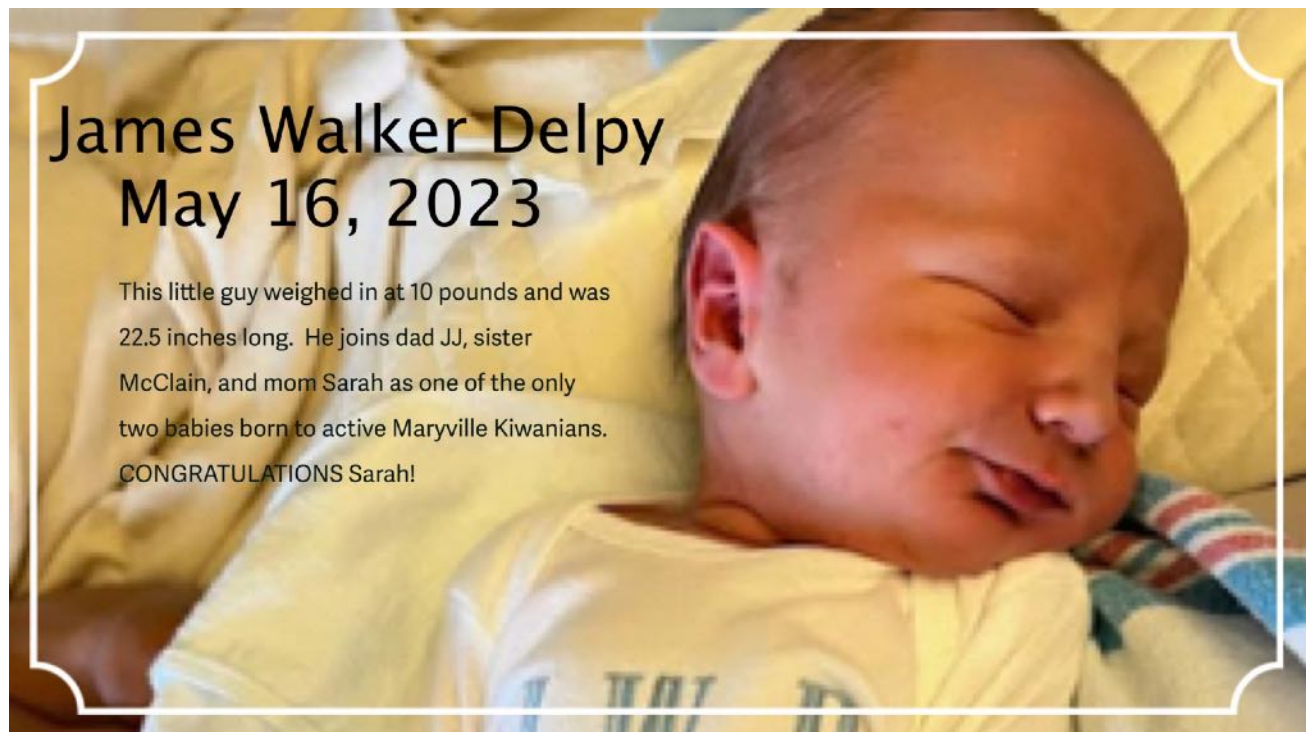
Emily Mantooth gave a moving tribute about her grandfather who recently passed and thanked the club for the sympathy card.

The Eagleton College and Career Academy will soon have its own Key Club.

As a result of having a participant in the golf tournament have a heart attack, which resulted in a stint and a full recovery, GMCC has purchased two AED’s. A good result on both fronts.

Bill Henry is out of his boot and remembered how to walk on two feet.

Howard Kerr is glad to be recovering from a recent back injury.



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Meeting Notes

May 2 Meeting



The May 2 meeting started off with several presentations. Maddie Gravitt, granddaughter of Bobby Perkinson, and the current Key Club Division 5 Lt. Governor was presented a \$1000 check to defray her expenses at the national convention. Jerry Heiny was our club nominee for “Club Layperson of the Year” at the Division 5 prayer dinner. He was presented a certificate recognizing this honor. Ed Harmon was recognized and thanked by all for his outstanding contribution to the success our annual golf tournament which raised over \$51,000.

Tom Coulter presented the nominating committee slate for the 2023-24 fiscal year.

President-Wanda Davis [incoming]

President-Elect-Jerry Heiny [incoming]

Vice President-Blake Mansfield [new]

Directors: Tom Antkow; Emily Mantooth; Bobby Perkinson (three-year terms)

The vote was unanimous and these Kiwanians will assume their office on October 1.



Tommy Roberts presented today’s program, “Hope With a Hammer”. Since 2008, when he moved to Blount County, he has worked with RIO Church now being the leader of the disaster relief group called Hope With a Hammer. He has partnered with Ronnie Hepperly and Jason Boring to help people in some of the most helpless of times. Over the last 15 years, they have had over 60 projects, over 1/3rd of which are new construction of homes and churches. Some of their projects have including rebuilding in the Bahamas following a hurricane and helping with construction in the Western Kentucky weather disaster. Forty-five volunteers work together work together in their construction projects. In two 6-day periods this team is able to build a new home from the ground up for a needy family who has lost their home.

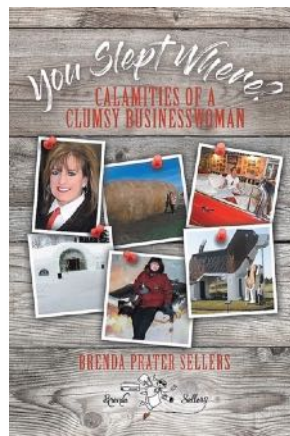
This is a local program that touches many in need throughout the country. Knowing that our community reaches out to those in need, even outside our boundaries, is a true motivation for all in service organizations.

May 9 Meeting



The May 9 meeting welcomed one of our own, Brenda Sellers, to discuss her book “You Slept Where? Calamities of a Clumsy Business Woman.” Brenda a giant in our community and long-time Maryville Kiwanian. Simply indicating everything she has done would be a program in itself. Her entrepreneur life began at age 19 with a car detailing business, later photography and scuba diving then managing the successful company she owned, CHROMA, oft recognized with aftermarket industry awards. Her work efforts are only exceeded by her contributions to our community. She is an Athena winner, Maryville Kiwanian of the Year, a Philanthropist of the Year, and a former United Way chair to name just a few accolades. Her photography efforts have led to over 1000 photo albums in her household. She currently helps others struggling with a dementia-stricken family member along with consulting with other female-run businesses.

Her book has raised over \$10,000 for Haven House and benefitted Alzheimer’s Tennessee in honor of her mother’s illness. She chronicles surviving Mount Everest among the 69 countries she has visited and has 2 million mile status on several airlines to prove it. Brenda’s always striking dress has given rise to her book-themed clothing line. Her book focus has been on saving money while traveling and a woman working in a man’s industry. Brenda has not slept in Dracula’s coffin in Romania or the Oscar Meyer Weiner Mobile but no one is willing to bet that she won’t. It took Brenda a total of 10 years to write this book and many more years than be part of all the exciting events about which she writes. Enjoy the journey through her beautiful life by taking time to read this book. It is much more than a travel log - it’s a life worth sharing.



May 16 Meeting



After Heather Larson and Julie Miller were unanimously reelected to their positions as secretary and treasurer, Pete Davis introduced David Heatherly to bring awareness to the Mission of Hope of which he was an original Board member. A woman named Julie was prompted by a documentary on poverty in Appalachia to initiate a toy distribution which she called the Mission of Hope. The area of Appalachia which is addressed by Mission of Hope (MOH) is from northeast Tennessee to southwest Virginia. In this area are represented the lower 10% on the poverty scale in the entire United States. Their focus on children is channeled through certain schools in this area that are most impoverished. Their aim is to encourage and enable youth in these schools to pursue higher training and return to their homes to support their neighbors in professions such as nursing and teaching. This is a faith-based initiative that provides clothing and supplies like backpacks and toothbrushes on a 1:1 basis with the recipient. These volunteer adults maintain the dignity of these youth by taking them individually to purchase clothing items and supply the family with a \$500 food box and a Bible. The Christmas gift-giving draws over 500 volunteers to prep behind the scenes to distribute over 22,000 toys into individual homes. Throughout the year four trucks get loaded and make

deliveries each week to deliver their clothing and food. Donations primarily from organizations and churches provide their financial support.

We as Kiwanians fill a very small niche in the needs of children of our community. Organizations such as Mission of Hope make that same effort in ways that most are not even aware, all in the interest to make this a better world, one child at a time.



May 23 Meeting



To start the May 23 meeting, Emily Mantooth presented Suzanne Stockfish the May “Spotlight Certificate” for her efforts to write a thank you note to each speaker at our meetings. Suzanne was noticeably surprised and grateful for this recognition.

“Compassion Counseling”, which provides counseling services at an affordable cost, was presented to the 41 members present. Its director, Lakshmie Napagoda, was called away at the last minute. She put the presentation into the able hands of Janie Wallace who is well-known to all as a former Maryville Kiwanian. Janie is on the Board of Directors as one of her many community service participations including Family Promise, a re-entry program for individuals released from Federal prison, and the United Way.

The purpose of Compassion Counseling is to provide affordable and timely mental health care while reducing the stigma and hesitancy of asking for mental health services. The organization is non-profit with \$75 and \$100 rates for individuals and couples. 1 in 25 adults experience a serious mental health issue. Youth, ages 6-17 have mental health needs in the range of 1 in 6. Compassion Counseling offers in office and telehealth visits as well as Employee Assistance Programs which are utilized by several local companies. Their clinical counseling, educational classes, and therapy models services are available to all over 5 years of age.

Since 2015 they have served 880+ patients and saved over \$450,000 in fees compared to privately available services. Counselors are licensed professionals and their quiet by design approach is providing service to individuals as well as school systems and other community organizations.



May 30 Meeting



A number of our members were already at the Leadership Adventure Camp which started today and lasts through June 3. Thirty rising 8th graders are attending the camp.

Attending today's meeting were 34 members who were introduced to Elizabeth Steele by Linda Ullom. The idea of "Elizabeth's Place" began while on a mission to Haiti followed by attending culinary school with the infamous Emerald Legasse. As a result of this, she is working as the chef at Tremont and pursuing her dream of "Elizabeth's Place", the goal of which is to teach life skills of food preparation, food and nutrition to adults with special needs. She took this idea to Hope With a Hammer, a recent program at this club, and they were able to transform a property near a special needs community into a first class kitchen-classroom.

As part of her discussion, she prepared a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with a gummy worm dirt cake from scratch in about five minutes. The purpose of this was to emphasize that it may take 5-10 times that long for a person with special needs to make the same lunch. Measuring success means this community can prepare foods at home or at a restaurant more efficiently, becoming a more productive member of our community and more importantly giving them a sense of accomplishment and worth not before possible. Her first class of six will start soon and she hopes to see this expand here and in the surrounding communities. Her non-profit will depend on community support by individuals as well as businesses interested in employing her graduates.



Kiwanis International News

The top 20 finalists have been selected for consideration in the [2023 Kiwanis Signature Project Contest](#). This year, more than 425 clubs from 42 Kiwanis districts submitted entries — a record-breaking number! Altogether, these projects will have a positive impact on the lives of approximately 315,000 kids throughout 27 countries.

For the Signature Project Contest, each district selected its nominee to compete against clubs from other districts. The Service and Partnerships Committee of the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees then reviewed the district winners and selected 10 finalists in each of two groups based on club size. The finalists below were selected from Group II — clubs with 28 members or more.

Here are two of the 10 finalists which are similar to projects of our own. It will be interesting how our attendees at this year's INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, find ways that we might be inspired to share our club accomplishments.

The Kiwanis Club of North Ridgeville, Ohio, U.S., began **“Trykes for Tikes”** in support of then-Ohio District Governor Amy Zimmerman's Ohio Kiwanis First Family Project of 2015-16. Since then, club members have given over a dozen Amtrykes, specialized tricycles adapted for people with disabilities, to kids in their community. These tricycles contribute to improved physical and mental health in children who receive them. Most of the Amtrykes have been customized to meet individual children's needs, while five have gone to local schools, where they will enable many children now, and in the future to exercise and socialize with their peers.

In June 2022, the Kiwanis Club of Canby, Oregon, U.S., held a **Dolly Llama Party** to celebrate the club's fifth anniversary as a sponsor of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. The party featured games, crafts, snacks, live goats and llamas and, of course, free books for kids. Through the Imagination Library, the club has provided a total of 46,318 books to kids ages 5 and under in the Canby community. The club funds the project through proceeds from the Canby Kiwanis Thrift Store. Currently, 806 children are receiving one free book by mail each month through the program, and an additional 1,031 have “graduated.”

KT District News

Our local district is well represented in the Maryville and Alcoa Kiwanis Clubs. Bob Lambert is the current Lieutenant Governor and is in the Alcoa Kiwanis Club. Next year Patsy Russell from our Maryville Kiwanis will be the Lieutenant Governor. Patsy will be attending the International Convention in Minneapolis later this month along with Wanda Davis, our upcoming president and Jerry Heiny, our president elect. We wish them a safe journey and look forward to them sharing the excitement of what they have learned on our behalf.

June Meetings Schedule

June 6

Presenter: James Long
Topic: Blount County 911 Communications
Chair: Howard Kerr
Greeter/Happy Bucks: Michael Torano
Invocation: Linda Ullom

June 13

Presenter: Marie Roush
Topic: Community Options, Inc.
Chair: Wanda Davis
Greeter/Happy Bucks: Robert Russell
Invocation: Newsom Baker



June 20

Presenter: Tim Holder
Topic: Tips for Handling Adversity
Chair: Bob Ullom
Greeter/Happy Bucks: Suzanne Stockfisch
Invocation: Regina Jennings

June 27

Presenter: Brad Bryant
Topic: Blount County Volunteer Chaplain Corps [Sherriff's Office]
Chair: Kenneth Atkins
Greeter/Happy Bucks: Emily Mantooth
Invocation: Patsy Russell

July 4

NO meeting; 4th of July

Happy Birthday

<i>June 1</i>	<i>Peter Towle</i>
<i>June 7</i>	<i>Carl Van Hoozier</i>
<i>June 9</i>	<i>Robert Russell</i>
<i>June 14</i>	<i>Patsy Russell</i>
<i>June 17</i>	<i>Tony Crisp</i>
<i>June 20</i>	<i>Robert Austin</i>
<i>June 21</i>	<i>Tim Crawford</i>
<i>June 24</i>	<i>Lori Borden</i>
<i>June 30</i>	<i>Tony Thompson</i>

Quotes

“Be yourself; everyone else is already taken.” — Oscar Wilde

“Don’t walk in front of me... I may not follow
Don’t walk behind me... I may not lead
Walk beside me... just be my friend” — Albert Camus

“A friend is someone who knows all about you and still loves you.” — Elbert Hubbard

“Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.” — Oscar Wilde

“To be yourself in a world that is constantly trying to make you something else is the greatest accomplishment.” — Ralph Waldo Emerson

Interclubs and Special Events

May Interclubs



Newport May 16 Jerry Heiny, Robert Austin, Denn Larson and Bobby Burke



Alcoa May 4 Ron Teffeteller, Robert Austin, Mike Roberson, Bobby Burke, Jerry Heiny



Farragut May 17
Tom Coulter, Denn Larson, Debbie Jones, Bobby Burke, Heather Larson

Boy Scout Dinner May 4



May 16 – Eagleton College and Career Academy Bench Dedication

On May 16 as a result of 200 lbs. of plastic bottle caps and \$250 collected by their Builders Club and \$200 donated by Maryville Kiwanis a bench was placed on the Eagleton campus. This is the third bench donated so far through Maryville Kiwanis with help from Tellico Village Kiwanis.



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Our Brave Men and Women Who
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OBJECT 1

To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.

OBJECT 2

To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.

OBJECT 3

To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business, and professional standards.

OBJECT 4

To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive, and serviceable citizenship.

OBJECT 5

To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.

OBJECT 6

To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism, and good will.

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Division 5 Meetings

Meetings at 12 noon (unless otherwise noted)

TUESDAY

Maryville Kiwanis, Green Meadow Country Club, 1700 Louisville Road, Alcoa, TN 37701

Newport, West End Baptist Church, 116 West End Street, Newport, TN 37821

Norwood, Austin's Steak & Homemade Buffet, 900 Merchant Dr, Knoxville, TN (3rd Tuesday)

Sevierville, Applebee's, 207 Collier Drive

WEDNESDAY

Farragut, First Wednesday, Mimi's, Turkey Creek, 6 pm

Third Wednesday, West Shrine Facility, 916 Olive Rd, Farragut Noon

Foothills, upstairs in the Wild Laurel Club House, Townsend, 2nd & 4th weeks only

Northside, Foundry, Worlds Fair Site

Jefferson County, Perkins, I-40, Exit 417, 1st & 3rd weeks only

THURSDAY

Alcoa, Airport Hilton Hotel

Knoxville, Foundry, World's Fair Site

FRIDAY

Morristown, Morristown Country Club



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Vienna Coffee House**



Maryville Kiwanis Website

www.maryvillekiwanis.org

Our website has been reorganized to make it easier for everyone to see information about who we are, what we do, where we do it, why we do it and when we do it (the 5 W's of Maryville Kiwanis). At the top of each page, you will see all the pages available. Just click of the title of any page and it will open.

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